

# House File 39 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the closing hours of precinct polling places.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 1183YH 83  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 49.73, subsection 2, Code 2009, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 2. The commissioner shall not shorten voting hours for any  
1 4 election if there is filed in the commissioner's office, at  
1 5 least twenty-five days before the election, a petition signed  
1 6 by at least fifty eligible electors of the school district or  
1 7 city, as the case may be, requesting that the polls be opened  
1 8 not later than 7:00 a.m. All polling places where the  
1 9 candidates of or any public question submitted by any one  
1 10 political subdivision are being voted upon shall be opened at  
1 11 the same hour, except that this requirement shall not apply to  
1 12 merged areas established under chapter 260C. The hours at  
1 13 which the respective precinct polling places are to open shall  
1 14 not be changed after publication of the notice required by  
1 15 section 49.53. The polling places shall be closed at ~~9:00~~  
1 16 ~~8:00 p.m. for state primary and general elections and other~~  
~~1 17 partisan elections, and for any other election held~~  
~~1 18 concurrently therewith, and at 8:00 p.m. for all other~~  
1 19 elections.

## EXPLANATION

1 20  
1 21 This bill changes the time for closing precinct polling  
1 22 places from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.  
1 23 LSB 1183YH 83  
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